



# ***SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions***

## **Health IT for Primary and Behavioral Healthcare Integration**

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## Overview:

This webinar will explore the results of a pioneering national effort to develop strategies that incorporate behavioral health into state health information exchanges (HIEs) and examines the issues from the perspective of a State HIE and a behavioral health provider.

This groundbreaking initiative developed and vetted strategies to address barriers, moving healthcare closer to the national goals of shared patient information for better coordination of care.

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**Overview of the PBHCI HIT Supplement for  
Individual Grantees**



## About the PBHCI HIT Supplement Grant

- Awarded to 47 PBHCI grantees implementing various models of integrated primary and behavioral health care, expectations were to:
  - Implement certified Complete EHR (Ambulatory)
  - Meet standards for Meaningful Use, minimally those standards necessary for
    - ePrescribing
    - Exchange of Continuity of Care Record (CCR)
    - Receive structured lab results electronically
  - Join Regional Extension Center system and participate in health information exchange on a network of exchange



## Center for Integrated Health Solutions Role

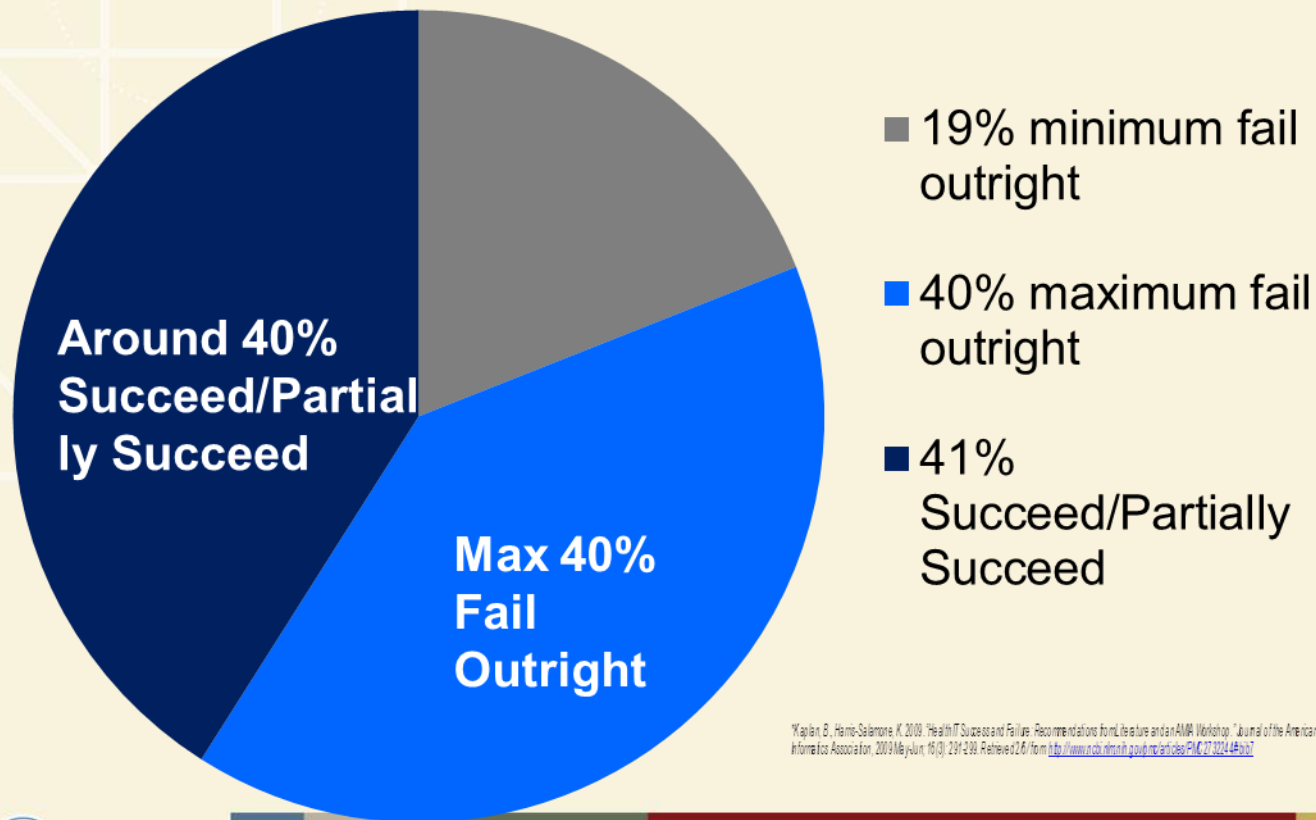
- Provide technical assistance and training (TA & T) to the 47 PBHCI HIT Supplement Grantees and their partners (3 additional provider organizations)
- Included:
  - Project Management
  - Business Process Analysis for EHR Implementation
  - Stage 1 Meaningful Use
- Make this TA & T available to eight Cohort IV grantees
- Include TA & T to 9 additional PBHCI grantees at GPO or grantee request (total of 64 grantees)





## **EXPECTED Success/Failure Rates EHR Implementation Only**

### **EHR Implementations**

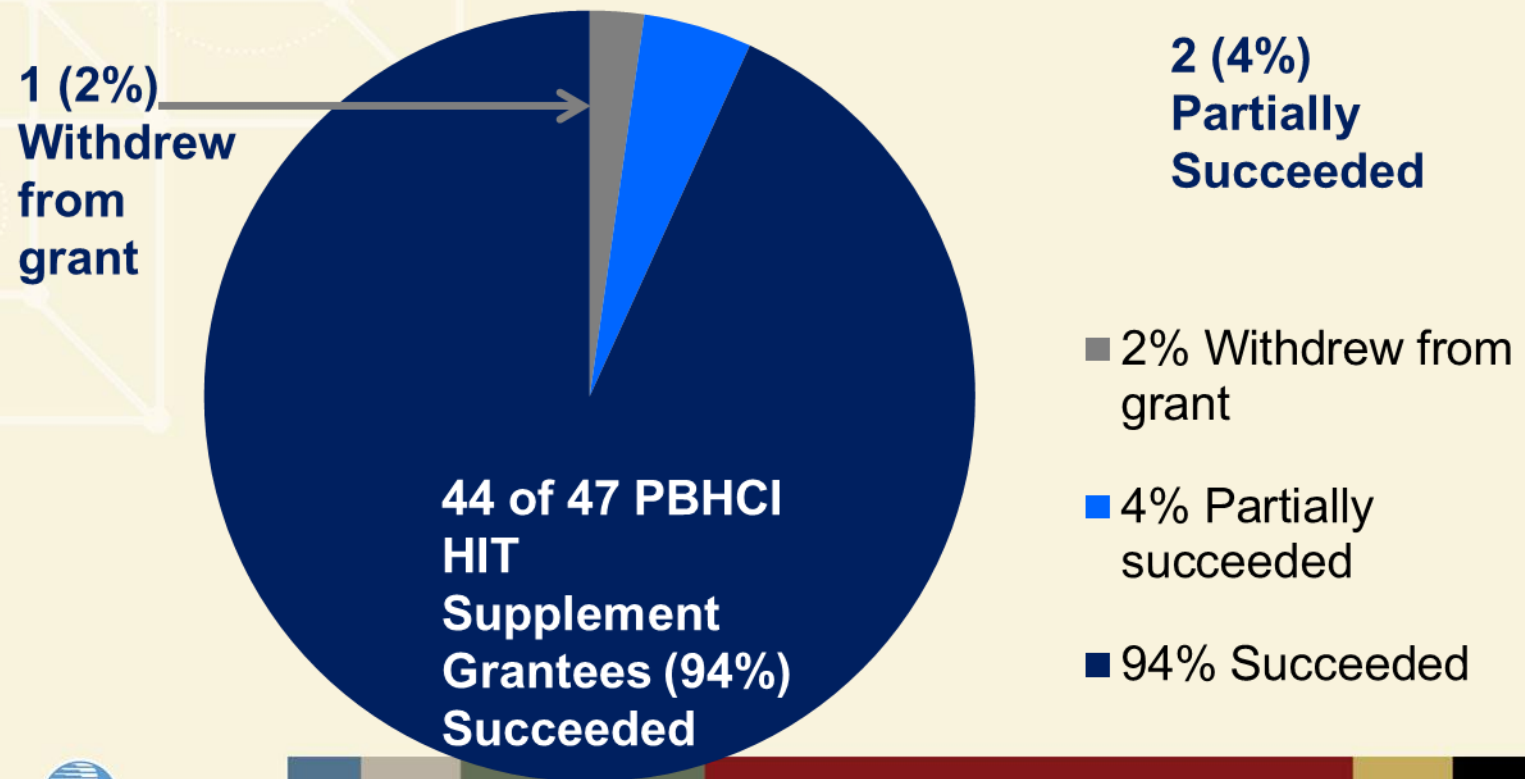


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# **PBHCI HIT Supplement ACTUAL Success/Failure Rates EHR Implementation Only**

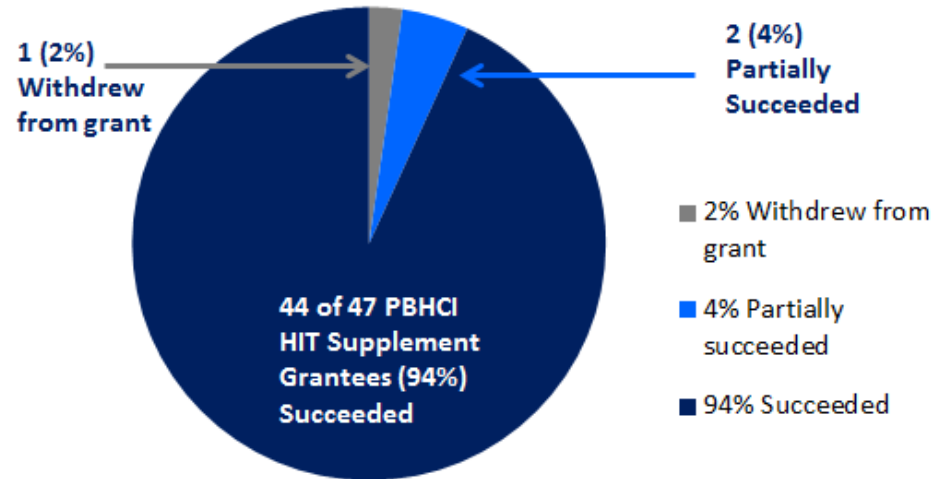
## **Certified Complete EHR Implementation Only**



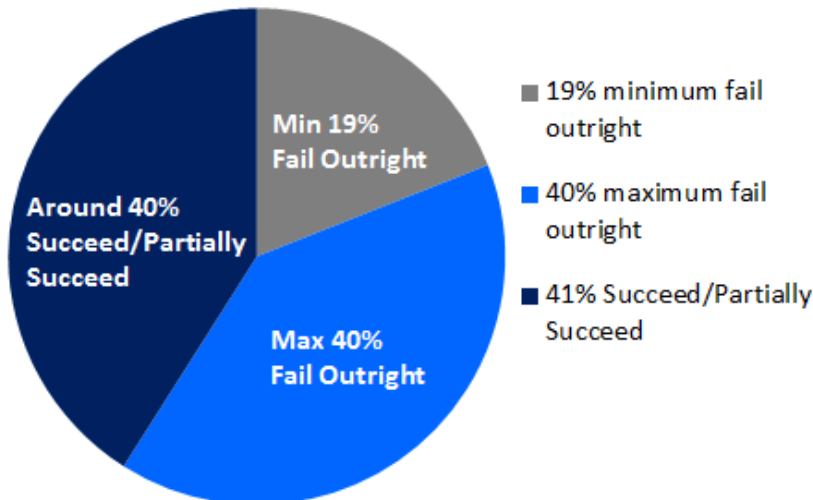


- Ensured leadership buy-in
- Grant money
- Project planning
- Tight control on time/cost/scope
- Business process analysis

## ACTUAL Success/Failure Rates



## EXPECTED Success/Failure Rate



- Lack of executive leadership buy-in
- Run out of money
- Lose focus on project plan
- Lose control of time/cost/scope
- Skip business process analysis

# ***The Grantee Experience***

## ***The Providence Center***

***Bill Cadieux***

***Chief Information Officer***



## The Providence Center, RI

- A Community Mental Health Center serving Providence and the surrounding communities.
- \$40M in 2012, 650 staff, interns and peer mentors.
- Serving approx. 12,000 people a year with mental health, addiction and primary care problems.
- 42 programs including 8 group homes, 2 residential addiction facilities, a 16 bed CSU, day care center, K-12 school, 2 addiction community centers, and a recovery high school.



# Our EMR/EHR Implementations

- First EMR in 2007
  - Consisting of Essentia HMIS, MS Word templates and Docuware scanning and image repository.
- Current EHR in 2012
  - Consisting of an ONC certified Essentia, XML-based forms, Docuware scanning and image repository and Netsmart's Infosciber e-prescribing.



## **RIQI and the Currentcare HIE**

2011 SAMHSA grant to move to a certified EHR

- Grant requirement to participate in the Regional Health Information Exchange program.
- First introduced to Rhode Island Quality Institute's Currentcare HIE in November 2011.
- First detailed discussion of Currentcare with Charlie Hewitt at the November event.
- RIQI had already made significant progress and had the resources, technology and people to achieve a sustainable HIE.

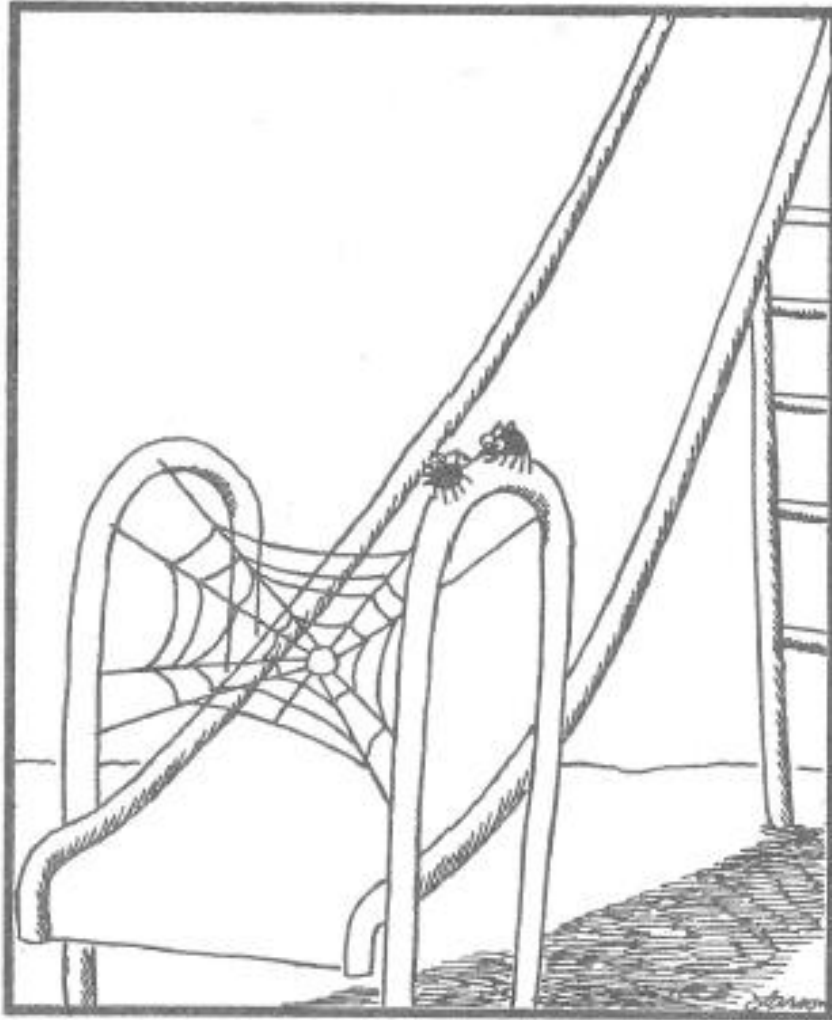


# RIQI and The Providence Center

- Started the interface project with RIQI in September of 2012.
- RIQI MOU and vendor contract by the end of November 2012.
- While a MOU is important strong relationships and constant communication is key to success.
- Twice weekly conference calls between TPC, RIQI and the vendor.







**"If we pull this off, we'll eat like kings."**

## **How We Felt About the Project**



# Barriers to Success

- Technical – will it all work?
- Cultural – will everyone want to share?
- Workflow – what haven't we thought of?
- Privacy – how does legal feel about all this?



# Technical

- **ONC “Direct Protocols” messaging**
  - Encrypted, authenticated e-mail service provided by Health Information Service Providers.
  - Primary electronic transport mechanism to Currentcare.
  - Initial connectivity and delivery problems were unexpected.
- **Best approach - Put techs together from different vendors one-on-one and in real-time to solve problems.**



# Cultural

- Pushback from clinical staff on sharing behavioral health and addictions data.
- Counter to clinical training and the ever present threat of HIPAA penalties.
- For the most part clients felt the benefit outweighed the risk.
- Our partner, Providence Community Health Centers have enrolled over 30,000 patients.



# Workflow

- Two primary concerns around sustainability
  - Paper-based enrollment form would be very unpopular with our staff that have been paperless since 2007.
  - Accessing Currentcare without knowing if a client was enrolled could be frustrating to some, especially in the early stages.
- Solution
  - Develop a auto-populating paperless enrollment form and track TPC clients that are enrolled in the EHR.



# Confidentiality

- Federal regulation 42 CFR Part 2
  - Requires much tighter control (than HIPAA Privacy and Security) of substance abuse information.
  - Two approaches
    - Segmentation – Technology-based separation of SA data. Difficult in that addiction issues can be inferred from narrative text or medications (e.g. Methadone prescribed for pain).
    - Use a release of information and only send data to the HIE if the release is in place.





# Where Are We Now?

- On March 8<sup>th</sup> we submitted our first live record to the production gateway with Inpriva NwHIN Direct account.
- On March 21<sup>st</sup> we began fully automated production uploads to Currentcare.
- Our Continuum of Care data includes...
  - Demographics
  - Diagnoses
  - Admissions/discharges to care
  - Medications
  - Allergies



## Our Plan

- Use Nationwide Health Information Network (NwHIN) Direct e-mail with our Phoenix House partner to transmit authorization data as structured text attachments.
  - Auto-populate our electronic forms with the client data.
  - Send the completed forms with authorizations back using Direct.
- Looking into using Direct to send automated e-mails containing patient status to primary care providers that refer to us.



# **Overview of the Health Information Exchange (HIE) Sub Awardee Program**

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# HIE Supplement

## Goals

- To develop infrastructure supporting the exchange of health information among behavioral health and physical health providers
- Development or adaptation of electronic health information exchange (HIE) systems to support the exchange
- Work through the challenges of exchanging 42 CFR data and implement a process to do so
- Identify the behavioral health data elements that should be part of the CCD



## Under the Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS)

### 5 States Selected

- IL
- KY
- ME
- OK
- RI



## **Our Approach:**

- **Build on What is Already Developed**
- **Coordinate with ONC & S&I Workgroups**
- **Coordinate with SAMHSA**
- **Ensure Legal Input**
  - **3 of 5 HIEs have their legal experts regularly involved on the calls**
- **Identify current “Better Practices”**





# HIE Supplement

- **Coordination with other Federal Programs & Initiatives**
- **Coordinating Activities with**
  - **HL7 Behavioral Health CCD Workgroup**
  - **ONC's Standards and Interoperability Framework Transitions of Care Workgroup**
  - **ONC's Standards and Interoperability Framework Data Segmentation Workgroup**
  - **ONCs State Health Policy Consortium Project (RTI Initiative) for behavioral health data sharing**
    - **AL, FL, KY, NE, NM, MI Plus other states**
- **Other states are also participating: CO; ; LA; NY; UT**



# **The HIE Experience**

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# **Rhode Island: Behavioral and Medical Health Care Integration**

## **Sharing Data via the HIE**

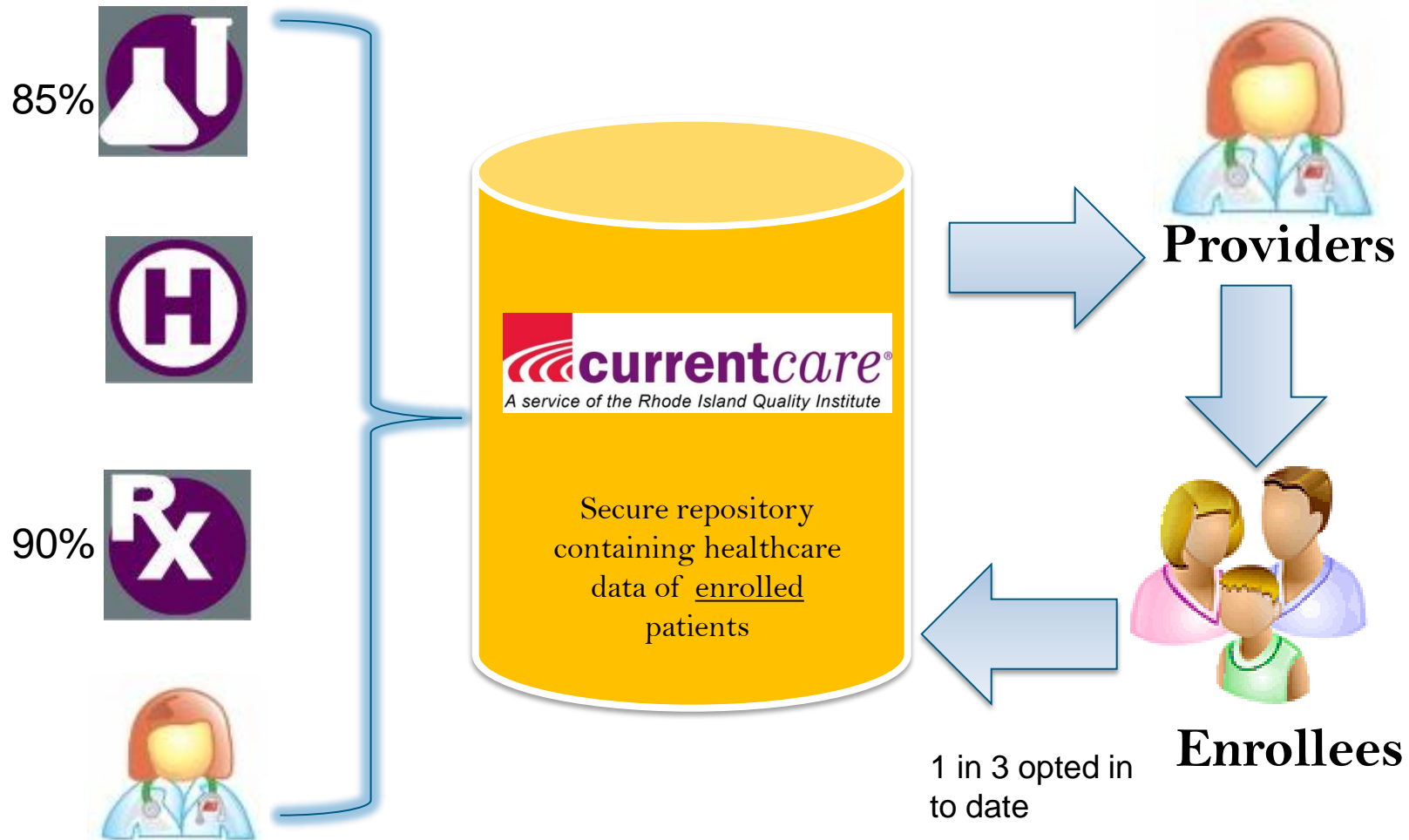


## RI's Behavioral Health Integration Program

- Mental health and substance abuse information is flowing
  - Via the Health Information Exchange
  - Via Direct secure e-mail, one-to-one
- Consent model for sharing data via the HIE complies with 42 CFR
- Non-technical challenges remain



# CurrentCare: Rhode Island's Statewide HIE



## CurrentCare Consent Enables Access to MH & SA Information

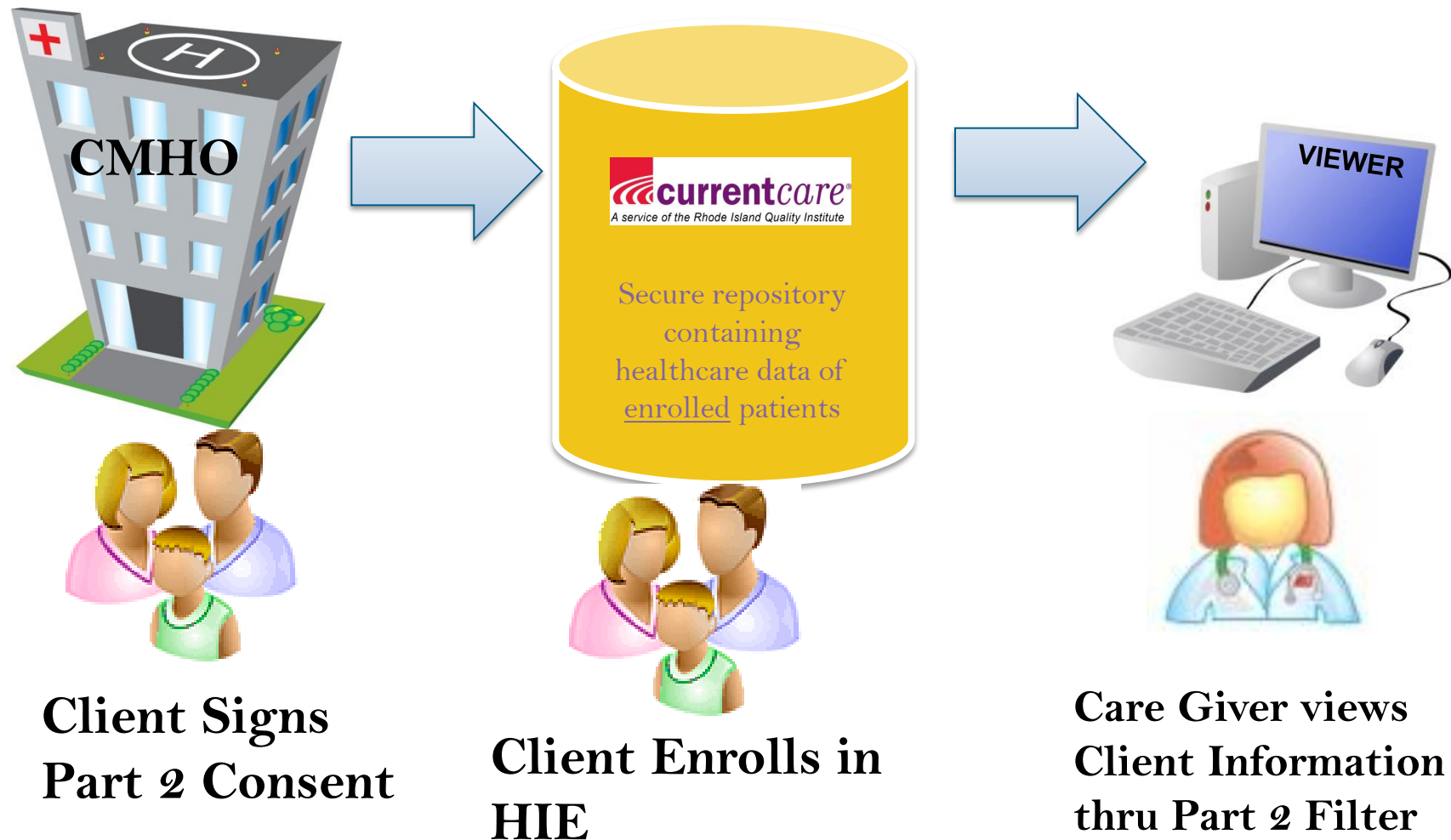
- Information collection only happens with patient consent
  - Until patient revokes consent, or
  - Until CurrentCare no longer exists
- Access permitted only to treating providers which patient specifies – or in emergency
- Treating providers may access all the information, including MH and SA information.

**But a CurrentCare Consent alone does NOT allow Part 2 programs to release information to CurrentCare. There must also be a release from the patient at the Part 2 program to release Part 2 information to CurrentCare. It is a two step process.**





# Behavioral Health Information Sharing via HIE



## Part 2 Consent Enables Release of Information to CurrentCare

Information release from Part 2 program only happens with patient consent

- Until patient revokes consent, or
- Until consent expires (one year or less)

Release specifically to Rhode Island Quality Institute as administrator and operator of CurrentCare

Consent to release “all my health information, including  
...”



## CurrentCare Viewer Providing Access to PHI

All CMHOs signed up to use CurrentCare Viewer

- Nine organizations, 32 sites, 149 users

What's been hard:

- Adoption and Utilization of Viewer: Many sign up; few embed it in the workflow

What's worked:

- Motivation: RI BHDDH Health Home Audit Standard
- Training and follow-up
- Stories and testimonials



## Part 2 Programs Sharing Information with CurrentCare

- Three CMHOs are exchanging information with CurrentCare
  - Encounters
  - Prescribed Medications
- CurrentCare Viewer complies with 42 CFR
- What's been hard:
  - EHR vendor priority conflicts
  - CCDs are not what they need to be
- What's working:
  - Upgrade as standards solidify
  - Standard model for implementing EHR data feeds



# CMHOs are Adopting Direct

- All nine CMHOs have signed up for Direct
  - Sharing notes between individual providers
  - Coordinating care among individual providers
- What's been hard:
  - Getting CMHOs to make Direct adoption a priority
  - Integrating the use of Direct messages in workflow
  - Getting providers to see the possibilities
- What's working:
  - Motivation: BHDDH Health Home Audit Standard
  - Support for workflow integration
  - Users' group (planned)



# Client Enrollment is Already Significant

- Behavioral Health Clients Enrolled
  - Prerequisite for success
  - As much as 30% of CMHO panel enrolled
- 97% of clients choose “all of my providers” when enrolling at a CMHO
- What’s hard:
  - Low enrollment at many CMHO sites
  - Client reluctance to release data to CurrentCare
- What’s working:
  - Enrollment at medical care sites
  - New enrollment workflow
  - CMHO C-Level leadership



# What's Next?

- Include the State Prison
  - Enrollment in CurrentCare
  - CurrentCare Viewer
  - EHR data feed
- Provide Hospital Alerts to behavioral health care providers
- Advocate for BH data in standard CCD
- Extend Viewer and Direct to the entire Health Care network





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